

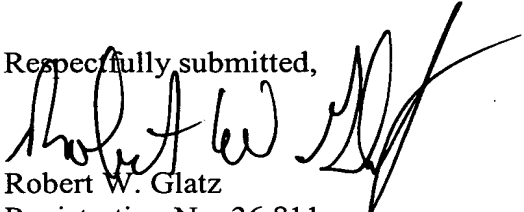
REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2005. ("the Office Action"). Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement that Claims 6-8 recite allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended Claim 6 to independent form and amended dependency of various of the other claims in light of the amendment to Claim 6 and the cancellation of Claim 1. Claims 3, 20-23 and previously withdrawn Claims 10-11 have also been canceled. New Claims 24 and 25 have been added that correspond to previously withdrawn and now canceled Claims 10-11. However, new Claims 24 and 25 depend from Claim 6. These amendments are made in order to expedite prosecution in this matter without agreeing to the rejections presented in the Office Action.

The Office Action raised a further restriction requirement between device and method claims, which restriction requirement is fully addressed by the cancellation of Claims 20-23 above. The objection to Claim 8 is fully addressed by the amendment to Claim 8 so as to depend from Claim 6 above. The rejection of Claims 1 and 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 is obviated in light of the cancellation of Claims 1 and 3 and the change in dependency of Claims 4 and 5 above. The rejection of Claims 2 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is obviated in light of the change in dependency of Claims 2 and 9 above.

Inasmuch as all of the outstanding issues in the Office Action have been addressed, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment, allowance of all the pending claims and passing of this application to issue. If the Examiner believes any additional issues need to be addressed, Applicants request the courtesy of a phone call to Applicants' undersigned representative at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

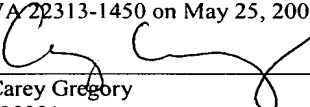

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